Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

August 2017

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey during the week covering August 13th to 19th, 2017, there were 572,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan. This is a decrease of 1,500 from July 2017 and 1,800 less than the number employed in August 2016.

Agricultural employment was 39,400 persons in August 2017, up 500 from the July 2017 level but 5,500 less than the August 2016 agricultural employment level of 44,900. Non-agricultural employment was 533,500 persons in August 2017. This is a decrease of 2,000 from the July 2017 non-agriculture employment level of 535,500 but 3,700 more than in August 2016.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for August 2017 was 6.9 percent. This is an increase of 0.3 percentage points from the July 2017 rate of 6.6 percent and 0.1 percentage points higher than the August 2016 level of 6.8 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 500 to 615,500 persons in August 2017 from 615,000 persons in July 2017. This is 1,100 less than the August 2016 labour force of 616,600 persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate remained unchanged at 70.1 percent in August 2017 from July 2017. The August 2016 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 70.8 percent.

There were 42,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during August 2017. This is an increase of 2,000 from July 2017 and 600 more than the number unemployed in August 2016.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 568,100 persons employed in Saskatchewan in August 2017, up 100 from the July 2017 level of 568,000 but down 1,000 from the August 2016 employment level of 569,100 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for August 2017 was 6.4 percent. This is a decrease of 0.2 percentage points from the July 2017 rate of 6.6 percent and 0.1 percentage points lower than the August 2016 rate of 6.5 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 23,600 persons in August 2017 to 18,675,200 persons from 18,698,800 persons in July 2017. In August 2016, there were 18,296,600 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points in August 2017 to 6.8 percent from the July 2017 level of 6.5 percent. In August 2016, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.6 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.2 percent in August 2017. This is 0.1 percentage points lower than July 2017 and 0.8 percentage points lower than the August 2016 level of 7.0 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	20,029.7	20,005.0	19,799.2	24.7	230.5
Employed ('000)	18,675.2	18,698.8	18,296.6	-23.6	378.6
Full-Time ('000)	15,433.5	15,487.2	15,198.5	-53.7	235.0
Part-Time ('000)	3,241.8	3,211.7	3,098.1	30.1	143.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,354.5	1,306.2	1,502.6	48.3	-148.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	6.5	7.6	0.3	-0.8
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.2	6.3	7.0	-0.1	-0.8
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	66.9	66.8	0.0	0.1
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	615.5	615.0	616.6	0.5	-1.1
Employed ('000)	572.9	574.4	574.7	-1.5	-1.8
Full-Time ('000)	480.3	480.7	480.5	-0.4	-0.2
Part-Time ('000)	92.6	93.7	94.2	-1.1	-1.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.6	40.6	42.0	2.0	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.4	6.6	6.5	-0.2	-0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.1	70.8	0.0	-0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	2,524.7	2,502.7	2,495.2	22.0	29.5
Employed ('000)	2,300.7	2,296.6	2,269.2	4.1	31.5
Full-Time ('000)	1,922.3	1,898.3	1,885.8	24.0	36.5
Part-Time ('000)	378.4	398.3	383.5	-19.9	-5.1
Unemployed ('000)	224.0	206.1	226.0	17.9	-2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.2	9.1	0.7	-0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	8.1	7.8	8.5	0.3	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	73.5	72.9	73.3	0.6	0.2
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Labour Force ('000)	695.6	694.2	687.5	1.4	8.1
Employed ('000)	653.9	655.5	637.4	-1.6	16.5
Full-Time ('000)	537.4	543.8	527.7	-6.4	9.7
Part-Time ('000)	116.6	111.7	109.7	4.9	6.9
Unemployed ('000)	41.7	38.7	50.1	3.0	-8.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	5.6	7.3	0.4	-1.3
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.9	5.0	6.0	-0.1	-1.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.4	68.7	0.1	-0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	615.5	615.0	616.6	0.5	-1.1
Male	335.4	335.9	339.5	-0.5	-4.1
Female	280.0	279.0	277.2	1.0	2.8
15-24 Years of Age	97.0	99.2	101.6	-2.2	-4.6
25+ Years of age	518.5	515.8	515.0	2.7	3.5
EMPLOYED ('000)	572.9	574.4	574.7	-1.5	-1.8
Male	315.9	314.9	317.8	1.0	-1.9
Female	256.9	259.5	256.9	-2.6	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	85.3	87.8	90.0	-2.5	-4.7
25+ Years of age	487.6	486.5	484.7	1.1	2.9
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	42.6	40.6	42.0	2.0	0.6
Male	19.5	21.0	21.7	-1.5	-2.2
Female	23.1	19.6	20.2	3.5	2.9
15-24 Years of Age	11.8	11.3	11.7	0.5	0.1
25+ Years of age	30.9	29.3	30.3	1.6	0.6
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	6.9	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.1
Male	5.8	6.3	6.4	-0.5	-0.6
Female	8.3	7.0	7.3	1.3	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	12.2	11.4	11.5	0.8	0.7
25+ Years of age	6.0	5.7	5.9	0.3	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.1	70.1	70.8	0.0	-0.7
Male	75.8	75.9	77.3	-0.1	-1.5
Female	64.3	64.1	64.2	0.2	0.1
15-24 Years of Age	72.6	74.2	75.4	-1.6	-2.8
25+ Years of age	69.7	69.4	70.0	0.3	-0.3

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	39.4	38.9	44.9	0.5	-5.5
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	24.8	24.3	25.2	0.5	-0.4
Utilities	6.9	7.0	6.8	-0.1	0.1
Construction	55.6	55.2	54.5	0.4	1.1
Manufacturing	29.3	29.0	25.9	0.3	3.4
Trade	92.3	92.0	89.7	0.3	2.6
Transportation and Warehousing	28.3	29.1	27.7	-0.8	0.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	28.4	28.1	27.4	0.3	1.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	29.5	30.7	29.4	-1.2	0.1
Business, Building and Other Support Services	14.7	15.8	13.2	-1.1	1.5
Educational Services	31.0	30.7	29.9	0.3	1.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	75.2	77.8	81.7	-2.6	-6.5
Information, Culture and Recreation	23.0	22.4	22.1	0.6	0.9
Accommodation and Food Services	38.9	38.1	39.8	0.8	-0.9
Other Services	24.7	24.9	25.6	-0.2	-0.9
Public Administration	31.0	30.3	31.0	0.7	0.0
Total	572.9	574.4	574.7	-1.5	-1.8
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	480.3	480.7	480.5	-0.4	-0.2
Part-Time	92.6	93.7	94.2	-1.1	-1.6
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	470.5	469.7	469.5	0.8	1.0
Public Sector	131.8	130.9	132.6	0.9	-0.8
Private Sector	338.7	338.8	336.9	-0.1	1.8
Self-Employed	102.4	104.7	105.2	-2.3	-2.8

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,675.2	18,698.8	18,296.6	-23.6	378.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	229.3	233.1	244.5	-3.8	-15.2
Prince Edward Island	78.8	77.9	75.9	0.9	2.9
Nova Scotia	455.4	462.6	457.3	-7.2	-1.9
New Brunswick	365.0	365.6	366.4	-0.6	-1.4
Quebec	4,276.7	4,324.9	4,184.8	-48.2	91.9
Ontario	7,231.8	7,200.9	7,069.3	30.9	162.5
Manitoba	653.9	655.5	637.4	-1.6	16.5
Saskatchewan	572.9	574.4	574.7	-1.5	-1.8
Alberta	2,300.7	2,296.6	2,269.2	4.1	31.5
British Columbia	2,510.8	2,507.4	2,417.0	3.4	93.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.8	6.5	7.6	0.3	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	13.8	13.8	11.7	0.0	2.1
Prince Edward Island	7.3	9.3	9.8	-2.0	-2.5
Nova Scotia	9.0	7.7	8.5	1.3	0.5
New Brunswick	7.6	6.4	8.7	1.2	-1.1
Quebec	6.5	5.9	7.4	0.6	-0.9
Ontario	6.3	6.5	7.6	-0.2	-1.3
Manitoba	6.0	5.6	7.3	0.4	-1.3
Saskatchewan	6.9	6.6	6.8	0.3	0.1
Alberta	8.9	8.2	9.1	0.7	-0.2
British Columbia	5.4	5.4	6.0	0.0	-0.6

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	18,444.1	18,421.9	18,069.8	22.2	374.3
Newfoundland & Labrador	220.4	219.0	235.1	1.4	-14.7
Prince Edward Island	73.8	73.5	71.3	0.3	2.5
Nova Scotia	444.6	450.2	445.1	-5.6	-0.5
New Brunswick	351.9	352.4	352.6	-0.5	-0.7
Quebec	4,232.0	4,238.0	4,138.7	-6.0	93.3
Ontario	7,137.4	7,106.3	6,983.7	31.1	153.7
Manitoba	649.4	649.1	633.6	0.3	15.8
Saskatchewan	568.1	568.0	569.1	0.1	-1.0
Alberta	2,286.5	2,284.2	2,253.0	2.3	33.5
British Columbia	2,480.0	2,481.2	2,387.7	-1.2	92.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	6.2	6.3	7.0	-0.1	-0.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	14.7	15.7	12.4	-1.0	2.3
Prince Edward Island	8.8	10.0	12.0	-1.2	-3.2
Nova Scotia	8.9	7.9	8.5	1.0	0.4
New Brunswick	7.8	6.5	9.3	1.3	-1.5
Quebec	6.1	5.8	7.0	0.3	-0.9
Ontario	5.7	6.1	6.7	-0.4	-1.0
Manitoba	4.9	5.0	6.0	-0.1	-1.1
Saskatchewan	6.4	6.6	6.5	-0.2	-0.1
Alberta	8.1	7.8	8.5	0.3	-0.4
British Columbia	5.1	5.3	5.5	-0.2	-0.4

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TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.4	8.2	7.1	0.2	1.3
Halifax	6.9	6.6	5.4	0.3	1.5
Saint John	6.0	5.9	8.3	0.1	-2.3
Quebec	4.1	4.0	4.9	0.1	-0.8
Montreal	6.9	6.5	8.1	0.4	-1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	6.3	6.9	0.1	-0.5
Toronto	6.8	7.1	7.2	-0.3	-0.4
Greater Sudbury	6.5	6.7	8.1	-0.2	-1.6
Winnipeg	5.8	5.5	7.2	0.3	-1.4
Regina	5.7	5.4	5.5	0.3	0.2
Saskatoon	8.2	8.1	6.6	0.1	1.6
Calgary	8.7	8.6	9.5	0.1	-0.8
Edmonton	9.1	8.7	8.3	0.4	0.8
Vancouver	4.8	5.2	5.4	-0.4	-0.6
Victoria	4.7	4.4	4.7	0.3	0.0
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	183.3	184.6	186.8	-1.3	-3.5
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	50.7	51.7	52.9	-1.0	-2.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	204.2	202.2	199.4	2.0	4.8
Yorkton-Melville	40.1	40.4	37.8	-0.3	2.3
Prince Albert & Northern	97.4	98.9	100.7	-1.5	-3.3

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	August 2017	July 2017	August 2016	Last Month	Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	615.1	615.5	616.1	-0.4	-1.0
Employed ('000)	575.4	576.9	577.8	-1.5	-2.4
Unemployed ('000)	39.7	38.6	38.3	1.1	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.3	6.2	0.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	70.2	70.9	-0.1	-0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.6	65.8	66.5	-0.2	-0.9
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	561.5	561.8	562.1	-0.3	-0.6
Employed ('000)	529.8	530.6	532.1	-0.8	-2.3
Unemployed ('000)	31.8	31.2	30.0	0.6	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.6	5.3	0.1	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	71.0	71.4	-0.1	-0.5
Employment Rate (%)	66.9	67.0	67.6	-0.1	-0.7
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	53.5	53.7	54.0	-0.2	-0.5
Employed ('000)	45.6	46.3	45.7	-0.7	-0.1
Unemployed ('000)	7.9	7.4	8.3	0.5	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.8	13.8	15.4	1.0	-0.6
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	63.1	65.9	-0.2	-3.0
Employment Rate (%)	53.6	54.3	55.8	-0.7	-2.2
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Labour Force ('000)	21.6	21.4	20.6	0.2	1.0
Employed ('000)	17.0	17.1	15.7	-0.1	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	4.6	4.3	4.9	0.3	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	21.2	20.1	23.8	1.1	-2.6
Participation Rate (%)	56.7	56.2	57.6	0.5	-0.9
Employment Rate (%)	44.7	44.9	43.9	-0.2	0.8
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Labour Force ('000)	31.5	31.9	33.1	-0.4	-1.6
Employed ('000)	28.4	29.1	29.7	-0.7	-1.3
Unemployed ('000)	3.1	2.9	3.4	0.2	-0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.9	8.9	10.3	1.0	-0.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	68.5	72.5	-0.8	-4.8
Employment Rate (%)	60.9	62.4	65.0	-1.5	-4.1

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

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